(5) Sri D. K. Kannappar.

(6) ,, P. M. Lingesan.

(Accepted by the Government of India.)

(7) Sri A. Varadappa Chetty.

(Accepted by the Government of India.)

(8) Sri V. G. S. V. Prasad.

Drinking water wells sunk in Coimbatore district

* 2943 *Q.*—Sri P. G. Manickam : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 10th February 1955 to a supplementary question to question No. 611 the number of drinking water wells since sunk in the Coimbatore district in accordance with the decision to sink thousand more wells before 30th June 1955?

The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran : Four hundred and forty-eight.

Appointment of additional teachers in South Kanara

* 2944 *Q.*—Sri M. Narayanan Nambiar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a representation from the South Kanara District Board for the sanction of additional teachers in the schools opened under the scheme to relieve unemployment, where the strength is more than thirty; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam : Yes, Sir. In May last, the President of the District Board asked for 59 teachers for appointment as additional teachers in the schools opened during 1954-55. Out of the quota of teachers sanctioned by the Government of India for 1955–56, 58 teachers have been allotted to the District Board of whom 30 are for opening schools in the remaining centres where there are no schools and the rest, viz., 28 for appointment as additional teachers in the single-teacher schools opened last year. A few more teachers will be allotted to the District Board during the course of this year.

New rice mills

* 2945 *Q.*—Sri M. Narayana Kurup : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of applications that were received in 1954–55 for starting new rice mills and the number sanctioned?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam : The hon. Member presumably wants information regarding the number of applications for starting new rice mills that were received in the calendar years 1954 and 1955 (up-to-date).